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In re application of	Marco STEIGER and David SUTER
Serial No.	
Filed	simultaneously
For	<b>Material Removing Tool</b>
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Director of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed in response to the Official Action of April 24, 2001 in the parent application Serial No. 09/123,759 (Paper No. 4).

It is respectfully requested that the parent application Serial No. 09/123,759 be abandoned on the date of filing of the present continuation-in-part application.